



THE KIDS' ROOM — READY FOR A KID SWAP?

Parenting is certainly not easy. Being the parent God wants us to be requires eight things: 1) Receive, 2) Bond, 3) Train, 4) Explore, 5) Coach, 6) Affirm, 7) Release, 8) Continue. We're not going to get it all right, but hopefully we're getting a little better at it every day.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Which of these eight characteristics is most difficult for you? Which is the easiest?

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

Read the following passages and write out what each says in your own words.

Psalm 127:3-5

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

1 Thessalonians 2:6-12

2 Timothy 3:14-17

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

Discuss what these verses mean in terms of your view of children.

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ME? (APPLICATION)

1. How does God view children? How does that compare with your view of them?
2. How does God want you to treat kids?
3. Give examples of how you or others have incorporated faith conversations into daily life.
4. How do you make the Bible an important part of your family?
5. Pick a verse that helps you as you encourage kids to follow Jesus. Read it every day this week and try to apply it to your thinking and actions. Which verse are you going to choose and why?
6. What is one application you can take with you and practice this week?

PRAYER

Thank God for your family. Ask Him to help you to be a great example of what it means to follow Jesus.